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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMCONSUL ASMARA

AMEMBASSY BANGUI

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 2090

LONDON FOR AMBASSADOR BREWER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PINS, SU

SUBJECT: ATTEMPTED SUDANESE COUP FAILS

REF: KHARTOUM 2089

1. COUP ATTEMPT IN EARLY HOURS OF SEPT. 5 FIZZLED BY MID-MORNING. ONE SOLDIER REPORTEDLY KILLED IN BRIEF BATTLE FOR CONTROL OF RADIO OMDURMAN, ONE BYSTANDER WOUNDED BY STRAY  
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BULLET NEAR EMBASSY, AND COUP LEADER HASSAN HUSSEIN OSMAN

(OR 'UTHMAN) APPARENTLY KILLED. THINNING CROWDS STILL MILLING ABOUT AMID TANKS AND TROOPS BUT THERE NO TENSION IN AIR.

2. OSMAN UNKNOWN TO EMBASSY AND OUR CONTACTS. HE IS (OR WAS) APPARENTLY A LIEUTENANT COLONEL ON ACTIVE DUTY AND THE BROTHER OF BRIG. (RET.) OSMAN HUSSEIN. LATTER WAS PENSIONED AFTER MAY 1969 COUP THAT BROUGHT NIMEIRI TO POWER AND SENT AS AMBASSADOR TO YUGOSLAVIA. OUR FILES INDICATE HUSSEIN MAY HAVE HAD UMMA CONNECTIONS PRIOR TO 1969.

3. INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT BY OSMAN (KHARTOUM 2075 AND FBIS LONDON 050731Z SEP 75) LENDS ITSELF TO SPECULATION THAT COUP ATTEMPT LEADERS' SYMPATHIES LAY WITH MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD, OR AT LEAST WITH RIGHTIST RELIGIOUS ELEMENTS. REFERENCES TO EARLIER CLOSING OF ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY AND THE NEED TO DISSOLVE THE LOTTERY SUPPORT THIS TENTATIVE VIEW.

4. CERTAINLY THE MOST INSTRUCTIVE FACTOR IN TODAY'S EVENTS WAS IMMEDIATE AND APPARENTLY UNANIMOUS SUPPORT GIVEN TO NIMEIRI BY STREET CROWDS, MILITARY LEADERSHIP AND TOP ADVISORS IN GOVERNMENT. BEFORE THEY COULD HAVE KNOWN THAT TIDE HAD TURNED, PEOPLE IN STREETS WERE FACING TANK AND SOLDIERS AT PALACE ENTRANCE WITH LARGE POSTER PHOTOS OF NIMEIRI AND CHANTING PRO-NIMEIRI SLOGANS. (SOME ALSO HEAD THE SHOUT "UMMA WILL NOT RULE US AGAIN.") FIRST VOLLEY OF SMALL ARMS FIRE SCATTERED CHANTERS ONLY MOMENTARILY AND DID NOT CHANGE THEIR TUNE. QUICK SUCCESSION OF POLITICAL/MILITARY LEADERS WHO SPOKE ON RADIO IN FULL SUPPORT OF NIMEIRI EQUALLY IMPRESSIVE AND AUGURS STRENGTHENED REGIME UNDER NIMEIRI LEADERSHIP. BERLIND

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